

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 to 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A single razor cartridge for use with a handle for providing both broad area shaving and trim shaving blade groups within the single cartridge, comprising:

the razor cartridge defining a handle axis;

a first blade group provided on the razor cartridge and having a plurality of razor blades configured to provide broad area shaving in a first working plane, the first working plane being defined by a blade platform having leading and trailing glide surfaces, wherein the first working plane intersects the handle axis and the plurality of razor blades in the first blade group are angled at an acute angle with respect to the first working plane in a direction of broad area shaving; and

a second blade group provided on the razor cartridge and having at least one razor blade configured to provide trim shaving in a second working plane, the second working plane being defined by a blade platform having leading and trailing glide surfaces, wherein the second working plane intersects the handle axis and the at least one razor blade in the ~~first~~ second blade group is angled at an acute angle with respect to the second working plane in a direction of trim shaving;

wherein the first and second working planes intersect each other so as to define a line of intersection that is substantially transverse to the handle axis and the first and second working planes intersect at an included angle between about 75 degrees and 135 degrees.

22. (Original) The razor cartridge of claim 21, wherein the blades in the first blade group are parallel to each other.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) The razor cartridge of claim 21, wherein the line of intersection is orthogonal to the handle axis.

25. (Previously Presented) The razor cartridge of claim 21, wherein the handle is attached to the razor cartridge, at least a portion of the handle extending along the handle axis.

26. (Original) The razor cartridge of claim 25, wherein the first and second working planes are configured to allow conversion by a user of the razor cartridge from broad area shaving to trim shaving by rotating the handle 180 degrees about the handle axis.

27. (Original) The razor cartridge of claim 25, wherein at least a portion of the handle is symmetric to facilitate handling of the handle for either broad area shaving or trim shaving.

28-29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) The razor cartridge of claim 25, wherein the handle is elongated and has a curve at an end attached to the razor cartridge, the curve being concave on the same side as the first blade group.

31. (Currently Amended) The razor cartridge of claim 21, wherein the secondary blade group has a leading-edge blade guard having a thin profile to allow ~~the distance~~ a distance between the cutting blade and the individual's skin to be optimally minimized to facilitate shaving in confined hard-to-reach areas of the face.

32. (Previously Presented) The razor cartridge of claim 31, wherein the secondary blade group has a single razor blade.

33-39. (Canceled)

40. (Currently Amended) The razor system of claim 41, wherein the first and second working planes intersect at an included angle between about 75 degrees and 135 degrees.

41. (Currently Amended) A razor system for providing both broad area shaving and trim shaving blade groups within a single cartridge, comprising:
an elongate handle defining a handle axis; and

the razor cartridge disposed on the handle and having:

a first blade group having a plurality of razor blades configured to provide broad area shaving in a first working plane, the first working plane being defined by a blade platform having leading and trailing glide surfaces, the first working plane intersecting the handle axis and the plurality of razor blades being provided at an acute angle to the first working plane in a direction of broad area shaving; and

a second blade group having at least one razor blade configured to provide trim shaving in a second working plane, the second working plane being defined by a blade platform having leading and trailing surfaces, the second working plane intersecting the handle axis and the at least one razor blade being provided at an acute angle to the ~~first~~ second working plane in a direction of trim shaving;

wherein the first and second working planes intersect each other so as to define a line of intersection that is substantially transverse to the handle axis and the first and second working planes intersect at an included angle between about 0 degrees and 150 degrees; and

wherein the second blade group further includes a blade platform and a leading-edge blade guard, the blade platform and blade guard being provided along with the at least one razor blade on the second working plane, the leading-edge blade guard having a thin profile to allow ~~the distance between the cutting blade and the individual's skin to be optimally minimized to facilitate shaving in confined hard-to-reach areas of the face~~ a distance between the at least one razor blade and an individual's skin to be optimally minimized to facilitate shaving in confined hard-to-reach areas of the individual's skin.

42. (Previously Presented) The razor system of claim 41, wherein the handle and the first and second working planes are configured to allow conversion by a user of the razor cartridge from broad area shaving to trim shaving by rotating the handle 180 degrees about the handle axis.

43. (Previously Presented) The razor system of claim 42, wherein at least a portion of the handle is symmetric to facilitate handling of the handle for either broad area shaving or trim shaving.

44. (Previously Presented) The razor system of claim 43, wherein the handle has a curve at an end attached to the razor cartridge, the curve being concave on the same side as the first blade group.

45. (Canceled)